THE BUSH RECORD ON THE ENVIRONMENT

What a Difference Two Years Make

by Clifford Rechtschaffen

Also: GGU’s First S.J.D. Students Graduate
This issue of *Class Action*, as always, highlights the best and the brightest of Golden Gate University School of Law.

As our cover indicates, the feature article is by Cliff Rechtschaffen, professor of environmental law. That the protection of the earth, with all of its fragile yet essential systems, is a big part of our law school is not surprising. The beauties and the blessings of the Bay Area and the natural bounties of California are essential parts of our everyday lives. So we are constantly reminded of the great treasure of what lies around us and motivated by the need to protect it. Cliff’s article outlines how the Bush Administration’s environmental policies are affecting the environment. GGU’s commitment to the environment is evidenced by our outstanding environmental law program and our highly respected Environmental Law and Justice Clinic, which is run by Professor Alan Ramo.

On page 13, you will find my usual feature on one of our graduates. This time, I have the great pleasure of writing about Judith Hasenauer, one of our flock who has successfully settled into an exciting and rewarding practice in Florida. Judith is one of our most faithful alums. Her story of how the Law School sent her off well equipped for the world of law practice, where she thrived and made a significant niche for herself, is representative of the grit, determination, and quality of Golden Gate University law grads.

The past year has been amazing for us. Applications to the Law School are almost double what they were just a few years ago. As a result, the quality of our entering class continues to rise as we pick from a talented pool of people. The Law School is the most successful and the most financially strong of all the schools at Golden Gate University. Indeed, the name recognition and success of the Law School enhance the university’s ability to attract students to the other schools.

All of our success, of course, is due to you, to the impact you have had in your professional lives, which continues to enhance and build our reputation. And it is also due to your great generosity in giving back to the school, allowing us to provide resources to students in the form of scholarships to worthy and talented students.

You all have made my job an easy one. Thanks so much.

Best regards,

Dean Peter G. Keane
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When George W. Bush took office in 2001, many environmental groups expected a president less environmentally friendly than his predecessor. Few, however, anticipated what has resulted—a hard-right, ideological environmental policy that has consistently favored private interests over protection of the environment. Although the Bush Administration has proposed a few environmentally positive initiatives—new regulations addressing diesel emissions from construction, farm, and other off-road vehicles; and the adherence to a controversial Clinton Administration plan for dredging toxic PCBs from the Hudson River—these initiatives have been far overshadowed by the efforts to weaken or roll back environmental protections.
Ignoring Global Warming

There is a strong scientific consensus that global warming is occurring and that much of the warming can be attributed to human activities. The '90s were the warmest decade on record; 1998 was the warmest year ever, and 2002 was the second warmest year. Rising temperatures raise the possibility of catastrophic effects, including severe floods, storms, fires, drought, glacial melting, increases in sea levels, and reductions in biodiversity in various parts of the world.

The primary cause of global warming is the emission of “greenhouse gases.” The United States, with five percent of the world’s population, currently produces a quarter of the world’s emissions of greenhouse gases.

In 1997, the nations of the world, including the United States, negotiated the Kyoto Protocol, which calls for reductions in the greenhouse gases emitted by industrialized nations to a level approximately five percent below their 1990 emissions (seven percent for the United States). In early 2001, the Bush Administration abruptly announced that the United States was withdrawing from the Kyoto Protocol. Other industrialized nations, however, have agreed to implement the treaty, and it appears likely that enough will sign for the treaty to go into effect, leaving the United States essentially sitting alone on the sidelines.

The Bush Administration has been promoting voluntary industry efforts in lieu of compliance with the Kyoto Protocol, but they fall far short of the reductions envisioned by Kyoto. The president also abandoned a pledge he had made during the presidential campaign to regulate carbon dioxide emissions, a major contributor to global warming.

More Flexible Air Quality Rules = More Pollution

A central provision of the Clean Air Act since 1977 has been the “new source review” (NSR) program. NSR requires that new or modified sources that increase their emissions install stringent pollution-control equipment. The EPA has proposed relaxing NSR’s requirements such that it would cover 50% fewer cases than at present. State and local pollution agencies complained that the changes “go beyond even what industry requested,” and will “result in unchecked emission increases that will degrade our air quality and endanger public health.”

In a related vein, the EPA has proposed enlarging NSR exemptions for “routine maintenance” and repair operations.

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Alumni attorneys engaged in litigation have a number of creative tools for accomplishing the public interest goals of their clients and providing support to Golden Gate. Numerous consumer and environmental laws provide for penalties, such as Proposition 65, the Clean Water Act, or the Clean Air Act. Many plaintiffs and defendants find they have a shared interest in reducing penalties that go to the government’s general fund and instead having settlement funds go to foundations or other charitable organizations addressing problems related to the underlying cause of the litigation. The courts have blessed these settlements, as they are consistent with the purposes of the statutes being enforced. See Sierra Club, Inc. v. Electronic Controls Design, Inc. (9th Cir. 1990) 909 F.2d 1350.

For example, alumni Fred Evenson (98) and Brian Acree (98) have settled numerous cases involving companies’ failure to warn consumers about the presence of toxics in their products (as required under Proposition 65). Those settlements have included provisions providing for contributions to the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic to support the clinic’s services to low-income communities burdened by environmental toxics. Golden Gate clinics, which address employment issues, homelessness, criminal law appeals, and environmental protection, offer a range of opportunities to remediate violations of law through targeted contributions in a manner that might ease settlement with defendants loathe to pay a significant penalty to the government.

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For alumni engaged in class action litigation, such as in consumer, antitrust, poverty, and civil rights cases, an additional tool can achieve plaintiff goals, speed settlement, and benefit the Law School. The fluid recovery doctrine, often called “cy pres” distributions, provides for the distribution of unclaimed class funds to their “next best use.” (See State of California v. Levi Strauss & Co., 41 Cal.3d 460 (1986).) In most class action settlements, some class members who cannot be located will not make claims or will neglect to cash their settlement checks. In such cases, the residual may be granted to a public-interest organization.

The California legislature affirmed this procedure and enhanced it when adopting Code of Civil Procedure § 384. Section 384 requires that in class action cases a determination be made of the total amount payable to class members and a subsequent accounting of unpaid class funds, which are then required to be subject to cy pres distribution. The unpaid distribution, according to the Legislature, can then be paid to:

- non-profit organizations or foundations to support projects that will benefit the class or similarly situation persons, or that promote the law consistent with the objectives and purposes of the underlying cause of action, to child advocacy programs, or to nonprofit organizations providing civil legal services to the indigent.

The statute further allows distribution “to promote justice for all Californians.”

Golden Gate University School of Law, with its clinics and training in numerous legal specialties, may be a suitable grantee for cy pres funds in the appropriate case. Alumni can contact the clinic directors with questions about any case where a cy pres distribution may be appropriate.

On-Site Public Interest Law Clinics at Golden Gate University

Women’s Employment Rights Clinic
Director: Professor Marci Seville
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Environmental Law and Justice Clinic
Co-Directors: Alan Ramo and Cliff Rechtschaffen
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The Innocence Project
Director: Professor Susan Rutberg
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Professor Alan Ramo co-directs the LL.M. in Environmental Law Program and the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic.
1960s

Albert Murray (69), a San Francisco prosecutor for 32 years, will try the Superior Court case against members of the San Francisco Police Department. In an article in the San Francisco Chronicle, District Attorney Terence Hallinan said, “I chose Al Murray because he is a perfect person for this case. He will be objective. He is cautious. He is respectful. He is the kind of person who has the character this case requires.”

J. Russell Pitto (69), chairman and CEO of Simeon, was featured as the “Executive Profile” in the San Francisco Business Times, January 2003.

1970s

Elisabeth “Becky” O’Malley (77) was profiled recently in an article detailing how Becky and a partner have “saved the defunct Berkeley Daily Planet.” Described as a “computer software multi-millionaire who loves her city dearly,” Becky was interested in ensuring that the local public would have access to real news stories. “I think people in Berkeley follow local politics the way some people follow sports. . . . We were sorry to see the Planet go. Now no one knows what’s going on in town,” she said. After graduation and passing the bar, Becky chose to follow her passion for writing and joined Oakland’s Center for Investigative Reporting as a reporter.

Hon. Carol Yaggy (79) was profiled in October in the “Court Watch” section of The Recorder. “Thoughtfulness and consideration are Yaggy’s trademark qualities on and off the bench. But she is not charm without substance. The SF Superior Court judge is considered by her peers and lawyers to be a thoughtful, smart, well-prepared judge—and she has an array of increasing responsibilities in court to prove it, including her recent promotion to felony trials and a second term on the court’s executive committee.” For a copy of this article, please contact the Alumni Office with your email, fax, or mailing address.

Barbara J. Rudquist (80), after eight years in retirement, fulfilled her lifelong dream of becoming a criminal trial lawyer and works part time as a public defender for a small county in central Minnesota.

Robert E. Cartwright (82) was honored last October by America ORT with the presentation of the “ORT Jurisprudence Award” for the state of California. The reception and award ceremony was held in San Francisco at the Fairmont Hotel. Robert was chosen in recognition of his outstanding accomplishments as a trial lawyer, author, and speaker, and for his service to the legal community nationwide. (ORT creates life-altering opportunities in more than 50 countries by empowering people through education and vocational development.)

Rob Fanucci (82) not only has a law practice specializing in representing wineries in the wine mecca of St. Helena, but he also has his own winery, Charter Oak Winery, which makes a few hundred cases of high-end zinfandel. (We think he may be looked up by a few of his former classmates interested in acquiring a few bottles of that high-end zin.)

Angela Bean (83) was profiled in The Recorder last December in an article titled, “Angela Bean: Advocate for Immigrants in Need,” part of a five-part series profiling unsung local pro bono heroes. “For many foreign nationals facing deportation, Angela is, by her own estimation, ‘the lawyer of last resort.’ She’ll take on the hardest, most complicated, and seemingly hopeless case—and slug it out to the end. Colleagues say her compassion and her expertise make her widely known—not only among immigration lawyers, but also in the legal aid and immigrant communities.”

Barry A. Zimmerman (86) became a certified specialist in criminal law, one of only three in Placer County, California.

Howard Lasky (88), intellectual property attorney, was named counsel in the business department of Preston Gates Ellis.

Laurel (Lindenbaum) Brady (88) was promoted this January to the Contra Costa County Superior Court. Judge Brady was appointed to the bench in 1996 by Governor Pete Wilson. She was profiled recently in The Recorder, where a deputy public defender was quoted as saying, “If you have a tough issue and you feel that the law is on your side, her courtroom it a good place to be.” For a copy of this article, please contact the Alumni Office with your email, fax, or mailing address.

Charles O. Thompson (88) recently sent us this update: “I joined Lanahan and Reilley in the SF office as a partner and continue to specialize in complex litigation and the defense of professionals. My wife, Denise Riley, LL.M. class of 1994, is at Orrick Herrington et al. as an estate planner.” Charles can be reached at: Lanahan and Reilley, 120 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA 94105.

Ron Del Pozzo (90) heads the career criminal unit of the district attorney’s office and ran for judge in Santa Clara, Office No. 16. (continued on page 17)
These revisions would, for example, allow a facility to completely rebuild an old boiler with new parts, extend the life of the plant by another 35 to 40 years, and increase its pollution by tens of thousand of tons—but not be required to install new pollution-control devices.

The Bush Administration has also proposed a so-called “cap and trade” for regulating power plant emissions of sulfur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, and mercury. Such market-based approaches, which allow facilities to choose the way they meet emissions caps imposed on them and sell excess credits to other facilities, can, if designed appropriately, reduce emissions in a more cost-effective manner than traditional regulation. According to environmental groups, however, the Clear Skies program will result—based on EPA’s own data—in significantly higher levels of emissions for at least the next 10 to 15 years.

Water Quality: “Got Arsenic?” and Other Issues

One of the Bush Administration’s most unpopular actions was its delay in imposing a stricter arsenic standard under the Safe Drinking Water Act. The existing standard of 50 parts per billion (ppb) was based on a level first recommended in 1943, before arsenic was known to cause cancer. The Clinton Administration proposed a new limit of 10 ppb, but under heavy pressure from the mining industry, President Bush delayed the rule. About six months later, and only after extensive public outcry, the EPA finally set the standard at 10 ppb.

The EPA also reversed a Clinton Administration rule that makes it illegal for companies to dump mining waste into waterways and wetlands. The Bush Administration maintained that this change was needed to save West Virginia’s coal industry from shutting down; environmental groups argue that permitting such discharges makes the already destructive practice of “mountaintop mining”—which involves blasting off the top of mountains for coal—even worse by allowing mining waste to clog up streams and rivers, destroy wildlife and habitat, and contribute to flash flooding.

Selective Federalism

President Bush came to office pledging greater flexibility for state governments in carrying out federal environmental regulatory
programs. But where leeway for the states means more protective regulation, he has shown no hesitation in overriding state interests.

One salient example is the NSR regulation discussed above. The Clean Air Act (CAA) explicitly allows states to adopt programs that are more stringent than those of the federal government. The Bush Administration’s NSR rule, while weaker than current law in California and other states, nonetheless makes it mandatory for states to follow the federal approach, absent narrow exceptions. As the South Coast Air Quality Management District dryly noted, the EPA “has wholly failed to prove its thesis ... that making the rules less stringent would actually make them more stringent.”

The CAA also allows California to adopt emission controls on cars that are stricter than federal requirements. In the ’90s, California adopted rules requiring that a small percentage of the car fleet sold in the state be electric cars. The automobile industry challenged the requirement, and in an unprecedented move, the Bush Administration sided with the industry, arguing that the state was barred from adopting more protective standards. The case is currently pending in the Ninth Circuit.

Public Lands: These Lands Are Our Lands—to Develop!

One area in which the executive branch has great discretion is the management of federal public lands, including national parks, monuments, and forests. The Bush Administration’s management of public lands thus far includes greater resource extraction, greater accommodation of development interests, and fewer environmental protections. The following are a few examples of this management approach. (For those interested in more detail about some of these issues, the Golden Gate University Law Review has just published a symposium issue examining the Bush Administration’s policy on wilderness and wildlife, titled Wild Ideas: George W. Bush on Wilderness and Wildlife. The law school will host a conference on this topic on October 4.)

In 2000, President Clinton established the Giant Sequoia National Monument in the Southern Sierra, which includes in its protected groves some of the largest and oldest organisms on earth (including trees as old as 2000 years). The Bush Administration has proposed a management plan that contemplates commercial logging in the Giant Sequoia Groves, including the cutting of 100-year-old sequoias, road building, and related activities.

In late 2000, the Clinton Administration modernized regulations governing hard rock mining on public lands to address the impacts of environmentally destructive mining techniques. A year later, the Bush Administration revised and greatly weakened the rules.

More than 1,000 snowmobiles enter Yellowstone National Park every day in the winter. The pollution gathers at the line to buy park passes, creating a “tunnel of fumes,” according to a Yellowstone park ranger. The Bush Administration’s solution? Respirators. Reversing a three-year phase-out of snowmobiles in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks ordered by the National Park Service under the Clinton Administration, the Bush Administration handed out respirators to park rangers to protect them from the fumes. The ban would have eliminated all snowmobile use in the parks by 2003–04. The Bush administration reversed the ban, merely requiring cleaner, quieter engines and allowing an increase in snowmobile use.

Devastating forest fires swept across the west in the summer of 2002. The Bush Administration blamed environmentalists’ appeals and litigation for delaying wildfire prevention projects which would have prevented the fires. Its “Healthy Forests Initiative” would exempt 10 million acres of federal forest land from environmental review. Under the plan, the Forest Service can initiate “thinning” projects without compliance with NEPA if they are, according to the Forest Service, not likely to harm the environment. The plan provides loopholes that allow the timber industry to log mid-sized and large trees as well as the small trees and brush that actually increase the risks of wildfire.

In April 2003, the Department of the Interior announced that it was halting efforts to consider any new lands in the western states for possible wilderness protection, and that it was opening up for development 3 million acres of red rock canyons and other areas in Utah that the Clinton Administration had recommended be protected as wilderness.

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Drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

Home to nearly 200 animal species, including the Porcupine River caribou herd, polar bears, musk oxen, and snow geese, the 1.5 million acres of the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) is often referred to as “Alaska’s (continued on page 10)
Roger Bernhardt
Professor Roger Bernhardt’s entertaining article, “Midcourse Corrections: Love Your Husband—But Don’t Lend Him Money,” was published in the Real Property Law Reporter. The issue also contained two brief comments by Roger on developments in the law.

Leslie Burton

Helen Hartnell
In January, Professor Helen Hartnell spoke on “Justice and Governance in the European Union” at a conference on Challenging Global Governance, organized by the Critical Perspectives on Global Governance (CPOGG) and both sponsored by and held at the German Foreign Ministry in Berlin. In March, she handed over the reins to the Private International Law Interest Group (PILIG) of the American Society of International Law, after serving one year as vice chair and three as chair, and accepted a three-year appointment to PILIG’s steering committee. In April, Professor Hartnell delivered a paper, “Rule of Law as a Development Strategy,” at a conference on Law and Economic Development: Critiques and Beyond, which was organized by and held at the European Law Research Center at Harvard Law School.

Doris Ng Joins WERC
Doris Ng has joined the Women’s Employment Rights Clinic as a supervising clinical attorney and visiting professor. “Doris will be a superb addition to the clinic and the faculty as a whole, bringing her expertise in issues affecting low-wage and immigrant workers,” said Professor Marci Seville, director of the Women’s Employment Rights Clinic.

Prior to joining the Clinic, Ng was a staff attorney and the Ruth Chance Law Fellow at Equal Rights Advocates, as well as an associate at Rosen Bien & Asaro. Ng earned her law degree in 1993 at UCLA School of Law, where she was editor of the Women’s Law Journal.

Helen H. Kang
Visiting Professor Helen Kang served on the planning committee and spoke on environmental justice issues at the March 2002 Advanced Citizen Participation in the Title V Permitting Process workshop, sponsored by the United States EPA and Earth Day Coalition.

Peter Kwan
Visiting Professor Peter Kwan has been elected to the board of directors of the ACLU, Northern California.

Peter Keane
In October 2002, Dean Peter Keane presented at a human rights conference in Istanbul, Turkey. He is shown here (L) with Adil Safiy, professor of international relations and law, and dean of leadership and public affairs at Bahcesehir University, Istanbul.
David Oppenheimer

Last November, at Columbia University Law School, Academic Dean and Professor David Oppenheimer presented a paper on employment discrimination/retaliation law and the Supreme Court’s views on non-violent protest. The paper will be published in the Columbia Human Rights Law Review. In March, Dean Oppenheimer presented a paper at Stanford Law School on jury verdicts in California employment law cases. He also published an article in the Capital University Law Review.

Marc Stickgold

Professor Marc Stickgold is shown here (L) with US Ambassador to Thailand Darryl Johnson, at the Ambassador’s residence in Bangkok. Professor Stickgold was invited to join a convocation of former Peace Corps volunteers and foreign service officers, along with officials and academics from Thailand, to celebrate and review the history of the Peace Corps work in Thailand and to discuss possible projects for the future. The meeting, held in February, was hosted by Ambassador Johnson, who began his distinguished career in the foreign service as a Peace Corps volunteer in Thailand 40 years ago.

Anthony Pagano

Dean Emeritus and Professor Anthony Pagano’s article (co-authored with Professor Jon Sylvester), “It’s Not Just a Job, It’s an Adventure!” was published in the Fall 2002 issue of The University of Toledo Law Review.

Clifford Rechtschaffen

Professor Cliff Rechtschaffen’s book (co-authored with David L. Markell), Reinventing Environmental Enforcement and the State/Federal Relationship, was published by the Environmental Law Institute (Washington, DC) in March 2003. Rechtschaffen was invited to become a member of the Center for Progressive Regulation, a new organization of academics specializing in the legal, economic, and scientific issues that surround health, safety, and environmental regulation. Recent presentations include:
• “Reinventing the State/Federal Enforcement Relationship,” University of California, Davis, faculty workshop, September 19, 2002; and at Golden Gate University, November 13, 2002.
• “Giving Meaning to Environmental Justice: I Know It When I See It,” California State Bar Section Education Institute, January 18, 2003.

Sompong Sucharitkul

Professor and Associate Dean Sompong Sucharitkul has been busy in recent months:
• He attended the UNESCO meetings of experts on World Cultural Heritage, November 9–10, 2002, in Siena, Italy, which was followed by a celebration of the thirtieth anniversary of the World Cultural Heritage Convention, November 12–14, 2002, in Venice.
• On December 1–8, 2002, he attended the UNESCO meeting in Paris of legal experts on the return of cultural objects taken during World War II and was elected rapporteur of the meeting; another meeting of legal experts on the Intentional Destruction of World Cultural Heritage was held in Brussels, December 9–14, 2002.
• On December 27, 2002, he delivered the keynote speech for the closing session of Thailand’s Arbitration Training Center in Bangkok.
• Serving as president, he presided over the oral proceedings of the ASEAN Investment Dispute Tribunal during its meeting in Brunei Darussalam, January 5–8.
• He was appointed special master of the court, Southern District of New York, in the case Lehman Brothers v. Fin One; he submitted his report on January 14.
• Continuing his work with the United Nations Compensation Commission (UNCC), he oversaw the completion of installment 25 in Geneva on February 10.
• Serving as regional coordinator of the American Society of International Law, he organized its Twelfth Regional Meeting, which was held at GGU on March 21 in conjunction with the XIII Annual Fulbright Symposium on Current International Legal Problems. Professor Sompong delivered the opening address, “Urgent Necessity for Feasible Alternatives to the Use of Force.”

Ambassador Sompong’s recent publications include:
• Award of the ASEAN-ID Arbitral Tribunal (March 2003)
• “Las inmunidades de jurisdiccion en el derecho internacional contemporaneo,” Curso Euromediterraneo Bancaja de derecho internacional (Aranzadi, Apr. 2003).

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Serengeti.” As a centerpiece of its energy policy, however, the Bush Administration has proposed opening up ANWR to oil exploration and drilling. In making this recommendation, the Administration chose to ignore a study by the US Geological Survey (USGS), which found that drilling would affect wildlife in the area and present a particular threat to the Porcupine River caribou herd, which uses the coastal plain as a calving ground. The herd is also the primary source of sustenance for the indigenous Gwich’in people.

Drilling in the ANWR would do little to decrease American dependence on foreign oil. The Bush Administration estimates that the refuge contains up to 16.5 billion gallons of recoverable oil; the USGS figures are 3.2 billion barrels. At our current rate of oil consumption (7.1 billion barrels a year), ANWR could provide us with at most a two-year supply of oil (Bush estimate) and more likely a six-month supply (USGS estimate) of oil. In March 2003, the Senate narrowly defeated (by a vote of 52–48) a proposal to open ANWR to drilling as part of its consideration of the budget, but the proposal will come up again as part of energy legislation and other initiatives.

Weakening Efficiency Standards

At the same time that it is promoting drilling in ANWR, the Bush Administration has given short shrift to conservation and renewable energy sources. The Administration has proposed raising the fuel economy standard for SUVs and light trucks a paltry 1.5 miles per gallon over the next five years and to leave passenger car fuel economy standards unchanged. The National Academy of Sciences has reported that fuel economy standards could be raised by more than ten times the amount proposed by the Administration.

The Bush Administration also withdrew an Energy Department rule issued by the Clinton Administration increasing energy efficiency standards for air conditioners and central pumps, replacing it with standards that require one-third less efficiency than the initial rules.

Putting the Military above the Law

Military installations have long been some of the worst polluters in the country. Nonetheless, the Pentagon is moving forward with new plans to ask Congress to exempt the military from complying with environmental laws on military bases. (A similar proposal was defeated in Congress last year.)

There is little, if any, evidence that such a waiver is needed. Last year, the General Accounting Office found no evidence that military preparedness had been significantly affected by environmental regulations. Moreover, most environmental laws already allow the Secretary of Defense to exempt the military from environmental laws, if doing so is necessary for national security.

A Questionable Future

Since 2001, the Bush Administration has embarked on an aggressive policy of weakening environmental protections and opening up public lands to development. Senator James M. Jeffords, the Vermont independent who until recently was the chairman of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, has said, “Across the board, we would be better off doing nothing than doing what the Bush Administration wants to do, which will make things worse than they already are.”

Emboldened by the 2002 Congressional elections and President Bush’s popularity, the Administration’s attacks on the environment have intensified in recent months. Whether the public’s strong concern about environmental issues will be sufficient to turn back these assaults in the days ahead is very much an open question.

Rebecca Robbins provided excellent research assistance on this article. Clifford Rechtschaffen has been a professor of law at Golden Gate since 1993, where he teaches a variety of environmental law (and civil procedure) courses. He is the author of two recent books on environmental law, Reinventing Environmental Regulation and the State/Federal Relationship and Environmental Justice: Law, Regulation and Policy. He is also a member of the Center for Progressive Regulation.
In addition to our regular MCLE offerings, this past spring, Golden Gate University School of Law was proud to sponsor three, free MCLE lectures focusing on civil rights and civil liberties.

Our lead-off speaker was the renowned Oakland lawyer, author, and legal commentator John Burris. Burris is the author of the recently published *Blue vs. Black: Let’s End the Conflict Between Cops and Minorities* (St. Martin’s Press, 1999) and served as co-counsel for Rodney King in his civil suit against the Los Angeles Police Department. Nearly 100 students, faculty, alumni, and guests showed up on January 21 to hear him speak of his research and personal observations about the prevalence of racial profiling and race-biased police misconduct and their devastating effects on minority communities.

On February 4, we heard from University of Southern California Law Professor Erwin Chemerinsky, who has written four major books on constitutional law and more than 100 law review articles. In an intellectual tour-de-force before a crowd of almost 160, Chemerinsky (without notes) described and critiqued the leading 50 civil rights cases decided by the Rehnquist Court, explaining how the court was systematically unraveling the web of civil rights and civil liberties protections established in the Warren/Burger era.

Chemerinsky concluded by describing one of his own two appearances before the High Court this term, where he argued that California’s “Three Strikes” law, used to sentence his client to life in prison for stealing less than $200 worth of videotapes, was unconstitutional.

On March 27, Eleanor Holmes Norton, District of Columbia congresswoman and long-time political activist, shared her views and experiences. She discussed her pet project—fighting for the rights of District of Columbia residents to vote (she calls it taxation without representation)—as well as her feelings about US involvement in Iraq and her experiences in the nascent civil rights movement of the early 1960s. Norton is an impassioned speaker who inspired and uplifted the audience.

Joan Lester, author of the new biography *Eleanor Holmes Norton: Fire in My Soul*, was also part of this presentation. She read an excerpt describing an experience Norton had in the South during an early civil rights demonstration. After Norton’s talk, both Norton and Lester signed copies of the book.

—Associate Dean David Oppenheimer
Law Journals Listed on Law Web Page
The Law Library is pleased to announce the addition of a new feature to its Web page: a listing of international and comparative law journals that are held by GGU, Boalt Hall, Hastings, and USF. Please take a look by clicking on the link from our home page at http://internet.ggu.edu/law_library/index.htm under “Services.”

There is also a link to this list from the International and Human Rights page at http://internet.ggu.edu/law_library/international.htm. If you have any comments or suggestions, please email jfischer@ggu.edu.

10-Year Celebration of Zamperini Scholarship
On Thursday, April 24, people gathered at Zebulon Restaurant to celebrate 10 years of the Zamperini/Burchell scholarship, awarded annually to a gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender student who has shown academic excellence. The event was cohosted by GGU, Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom, and the law student group LEGALS. Golden Gate is one of only a handful of law schools with an endowed scholarship for LGBT students. It was established by a gift to the Law School by Professor Michael Zamperini and his partner W. Clay Burchell. If you were unable to attend but would like to donate to this scholarship, please contact Debra Holcomb at (415) 442-7829 or dholcomb@ggu.edu.

Corrections
In the fall 2002 issue, Associate Dean Sompong Sucharitkul and Norman R. Ascherman (JD 68) were inadvertently omitted from the 2002 Honor Roll of Donors. They are both members of the Millennium Society.

Mark Your Calendar

June (date tba)
Swearing-In Ceremony
In early June, the Law School will host the semi-annual Swearing-In Ceremony for GGU alumni who passed the February 2003 California bar. All alumni are invited to join us at this happy occasion. An extra incentive will be an alumni art show, featuring works by Hon. Lee Baxter (74), Hon. Ruth Astle (74), Professor Susan Rutberg (75), and others, on view at the reception after the swearing-in. Very talented alumni are out there, and this is your chance to see the non-law side of their personalities. Visit the “News and Events” section of our website at www.ggu.edu/law for more information and the exact date.

July 19
GGU Alumni Day
Join university and Law School alumni at the third annual GGU Alumni Day at Pacific Bell Park. The San Francisco Giants will play the Colorado Rockies at 1:05 pm. The cost is $25 per person for ticket and tailgate. For more information, email szelezni@ggu.edu or call (415) 442-7821.

October 4
Environmental Law Symposium
Each year, the Law School sponsors an environmental law symposium, which is open to the public and provides up to 5 credits of MCLE. This year’s symposium is titled “Wild Ideas: George W. Bush on Wilderness and Wildlife.” For more information, contact the symposium director, Adjunct Professor Paul Kibel at (510) 419-2235 or pkibel@fablaw.com.

October (date tba)
Candidates’ Debate
At press time, Golden Gate University was talking with outside press groups about the possibility of hosting a debate with the San Francisco mayoral candidates, a few weeks before the November election. For more information, contact Lorri Ungaretti at (415) 442-6636 or lungaretti@ggu.edu.

November 7
IP Law Conference
The Third Annual Intellectual Property Law Conference will be held at Golden Gate University School of Law. For more information, call (415) 442-6604 or email ipllm@ggu.edu.

GGU Sponsors Debate on Boy Scouts Case
On November 18, 2002, Golden Gate University School of Law sponsored a debate, “Freedom of Association or Active Discrimination?” The debate addressed Dale vs. Boy Scouts of America and the recent policy of the San Francisco judiciary prohibiting judges from supporting the Boy Scouts, based on the original policy of the California Canon of Judicial Ethics, which states that judges should not belong to organizations that “discriminate invidiously.” Attorney Joseph Ruscioniello (center) argued against the policy; BASF President Angela Bradstreet and Judge Kevin McCarthy argued in favor of the policy.

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Judith Hasenauer

Charting a Successful Voyage through the Briny Deep and the Practice of Law

Each year, 1973 Law School graduate Judith Hasenauer and her law partner husband Norse Blazzard cruise the Caribbean Islands in their 50-foot sailboat. They spend the rest of the year practicing law in the Fort Lauderdale branch of their Connecticut law firm, Blazzard, Grodd and Hasenauer. This balmy, tropical life is a far cry from Judith's childhood in the frosty winters of Rochester, New York. Her father was a milkman who, during the fuel-shortage days of World War II, delivered milk along his route with horse and wagon.

Judy graduated from the University of Rochester after a two-year stint at a community college. At age 22, in the fall of 1968, during the waning days of Lyndon Johnson's "Great Society" administration, she was thrown into heady responsibilities as a troubleshooting manager for the then-fledgling EEOC. She roamed the country developing race and gender discrimination procedures that later became the agency's standard operating procedures.

In 1971, Judith came to San Francisco specifically to attend law school at Golden Gate, because "I heard it was a school that wanted to have women students." This made it a rare place back in the early 1970s. "I had a wonderful experience," Judith says. Her faculty advisor was Judy McKelvey, who became dean of the Law School several years later.

Judith worked her way through law school as a teller at Bank of America. In her third year, she became a law clerk to her future husband, Norse, at AID, one of the earliest computer software development companies. The company worked mainly for insurance companies, and it was there that Judith developed specialties in mutual funds, variable annuities, and in the still-infant area of computer law.

Out of this experience, Norse Blazzard and Judith Hasenauer created a highly successful and prominent law firm in Connecticut. Ultimately, because of Judith's asthma, they opened a Florida office, which became their headquarters. The firm specializes in representing insurance companies, mutual and hedge funds, and securities law. Through the years—and even across the continent—Judith has remained a generous booster of Golden Gate School of Law.

Judith's sailing skills emerged from her husband's fishing phase. He got over it but, adept at navigation, Judith became a passionate mariner and a dedicated member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. She is also a first-rate golfer and talented artist. She paints (in oils) still lifes and landscapes.

The great quality of Judith's life and one of the keys to her success is something I constantly preach to law students: A lawyer must have other deep passions in life besides just practicing law. Enriching experiences like Judith's creativity in art and love for the sea are the fuel that keeps a successful lawyer going. They give life an expanded meaning and bring you back to your work in the law with a zest and productivity that you would not have without them.

Judith's story is representative of many experiences of the great people and fine lawyers who have come out of our law school over the years.

Peter Keane is the dean of Golden Gate University School of Law.
First-Year Students Honored

The Law School has excellent programs for helping students having difficulty adjusting to the rigors of law school. But all too often, those students who do well are overlooked. The Alumni Association took care of this oversight in January by holding an honors reception for first-year law students who had done well their first semester. Hosted by GGU alumna Judge Lee Baxter (74) at her San Francisco home and presided over by Alumni Association board member Judge Ruth Astle (74), the event was a nice boost for the students, their partners, and their families. Alumni, faculty, and staff joined the dean in acknowledging the students' efforts and their successful results. (See photos on this page.)

Swearing-In Ceremony

On December 2, 2002, GGU School of Law hosted the semi-annual Swearing-In Ceremony and reception for July bar passers. The oath was administered by Hon. Roderic Duncan, retired justice of the SF Superior Court. This always-festive event was made even more so by the inclusion of the midyear (December) graduates in a segment that recognized their achievements and allowed family and friends to meet other members of the law school community. See page 12 for an invitation to the next Swearing-In!

Annual “Beat the Clock” MCLE Program

A helpful service for alumni

Each January, the Alumni Association offers an all-day program of MCLE classes for alumni and their friends who need some last-minute units for their compliance class. We always offer some hard-to-find and/or interesting topics. For example, this year, our own Elizabeth Cohee (99) presented on “The Elimination of Bias in the Legal Profession,” and Dean Peter Keane taught “DNA Evidence in the Courtroom.” We also offer some surprising hits, such as Judge Ruth Astle’s (74) “Administrative Law” presentation, which received high marks. This year, we closed the show with the always-popular Professor Bernie Segal on “Making a Winning Closing Argument to the Jury,” a slice of his Courtroom as Theater class.

Look for us next year if you should need a few (free!) units.
Scholarship Reception

Scholarship students, alumni donors, and friends of the Law School came together on February 21 to celebrate the accomplishments of the scholarship recipients and to thank the benefactors who financially support the Law School’s scholarships. More than 25 named scholarships are available to students who are selected on the basis of financial need and academic achievement along with other criteria, such as previous US military experience (Kevin J. Connell J.D. Memorial Law Scholarship) or a career in transition from legal support to attorney (Anne Marie Bourgeois Memorial Endowed Law Scholarship). For the school year 2002–03, more than $127,000 was awarded in scholarships to 50 students, providing them with financial assistance as tuition approaches $25,000 per year. If you would like to make a gift to a law school scholarship, please contact Annual Giving Director Debra Holcomb at 415-442-7829 or dholcomb@ggu.edu.

Law School Scholarships

2002–03

- Anne Marie Bourgeois Memorial Endowed Law Scholarship
- Barbara M. Mathews Women’s Law Scholarship
- Catherine Sherburne-Thompson Endowed Law Scholarship
- Diana Richmond Endowed Law Scholarship
- Diversity in Law Consumer Attorneys of California Scholarship
- Environmental Law Endowed Scholarship
- Frederick W. Bradley Endowed Law Scholarship
- Helen & John Gorfinkel Endowed Law Scholarship
- Hugh G. Major Endowed Women’s Scholarship
- James B. Smith Endowed Law Scholarship
- Joseph R. & June B. Rensch Endowed Law Scholarship
- Judge Lee D. Baxter Advocacy Fellowship
- Kathryn E. Ringgold Endowed Law Scholarship
- Kevin J. Connell J.D. Memorial Law Scholarship
- Law School Endowed Scholarship
- Law Honor Scholarship
- Leon A. & Esther F. Blum Scholarship
- Linda Caputo Endowed Law Scholarship
- Louie Sbarbaro Endowed Law Scholarship
- Louis Garcia Endowed Law Scholarship
- Martin Cohen Endowed Law Scholarship
- Masud Mehran Endowed Law Fellowship
- Paul S. Jordan Endowed Law Scholarship
- Phillip Burton Endowed Law Scholarship
- Richard Johnson Endowed Law Scholarship
- San Francisco Legal Auxiliary Scholarship
- Tony Pagano Dean’s Merit Scholarship
- Union Bank of California Scholarship
- Zamperini-Burchell Endowed Law Scholarship

Hugh G. Major Endowed Women’s Scholarship recipient Julia Fletcher with benefactor Patricia Carson (52).

Kathryn Ringgold (70) (center) with students Leigh Irby (L) and Angel Baker, recipients of the Kathryn E. Ringgold Endowed Law Scholarship.

California State Senator John Burton with Tracy Pennuto, recipient of the Phillip Burton Endowed Law Scholarship.

Robert Selna, Julie Glosson, and Stephanie Profitt, recipients of the Joseph R. & June B. Rensch Endowed Law Scholarship, with GGU President Phil Friedman (second from left).

Scholarship recipient Wandralee Lindtzie (L) and Marcia Lassiter (88), creator of the Linda Caputo Endowed Law Scholarship.
Bernard Segal
Professor Bernie Segal was visiting distinguished instructor for the Temple University Law School LL.M. Program in Trial Advocacy. He spoke and participated in workshops on jury selection, with emphasis in the organization and utilization of focus groups. This is the third consecutive year that Professor Segal has taught at the Temple University graduate program.

Jon Sylvester
Professor Jon Sylvester’s article (co-authored with Professor Anthony Pagano), “It’s Not Just a Job, It’s an Adventure!” was published in the fall 2002 issue of The University of Toledo Law Review. Professor Jon Sylvester has been appointed to the City of Oakland’s Public Ethics Commission, which oversees compliance with laws and regulations related to municipal elections, campaign finance, and the conduct of city officials. Professor Sylvester, an Oakland resident, was nominated by Mayor Jerry Brown and confirmed by the City Council.

Adjunct Faculty
Harvard Law School selected Adjunct Professor Stephen Rosenbaum as a Wasserstein Public Interest Fellow for the 2002–03 academic year. The fellowship was created in 1990 and supports awards to exemplary lawyers who have distinguished themselves in public interest work and who can assist students who are considering similar career paths.

Mary Dunlap, a beloved adjunct faculty member 1980-95 and a founder of Equal Rights Advocates, died in January 2003. She had put up a valiant fight against pancreatic cancer since her diagnosis in September 2001.

Golden Gate University School of Law Invites
Applications for the Position of Dean

Qualifications include a Juris Doctor or comparable degree from an accredited institution, teaching experience, and administrative experience at the dean, associate dean, or chair level. Administrative experience in a non-academic environment will also be considered. Each candidate should have a commitment to academic strength and scholarship, successful administrative experience, and the ability to lead a collegial faculty known for its emphasis on skills training and curricular innovation.

Golden Gate University School of Law, founded in 1901, is located in the San Francisco financial district, close to the courts, major law firms, businesses, and governmental agencies. The Law School offers a full-time day program for traditional students, a part-time program for evening students, and a midyear admission program. The J.D. program enrolls 441 full-time and 184 part-time students. An additional 249 students are enrolled in the LL.M. and S.J.D. programs.

The School of Law is fully accredited by the ABA and a member of the AALS. It features outstanding litigation, mock trial, and externship programs, as well as two on-site clinical programs that have received local and national acclaim: Environmental Law and Justice Clinic and Women’s Employment Rights Clinic. The Law School also offers LL.M. degrees in Environmental Law, Intellectual Property Law, Taxation, and U.S. Legal Studies, as well as LL.M. and S.J.D. degrees in International Legal Studies.

Direct expressions of interest to the Law School’s consultant as soon as possible:
Dr. Ira Krinsky or Sharon Tanabe
Korn/Ferry International
1800 Century Park East, Suite 900
Los Angeles, California 90067
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Register online with Korn/Ferry at www.ekornferry.com

Review of application materials will begin immediately and continue until the position has been filled.

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Stephanie Bradshaw (93) was elevated to partner at Gordon & Rees in San Francisco, where she works in the firm’s employment law practice group.

Steven Cvitanovic (93) has been named a partner at Haigh, Brown and Bonesteel. He is a member of the firm’s professional liability, product liability, and tort litigation practice group in San Francisco.

Val Dolcini (93) was recently appointed chief of staff to Assembly Member Jenny Oropeza, chair of the Assembly Budget Committee. Dolcini had served for two years as deputy legislative secretary to Governor Gray Davis and was a presidential appointee in the US Department of Agriculture. Following his graduation from GGU, he also worked for US Representative Nancy Pelosi and former Representative Vic Fazio.

Darrin T. Mish (93) has been awarded a contract to speak to the American Society of IRS Problem Solvers (ASIPS) at its quarterly CLE seminars. ASIPS is a national society dedicated to helping taxpayers solve their problems with the Internal Revenue Service.

Robyn Sofnas Zieper (93) has been named associate general counsel of Encore Credit Corp. in Irvine, Calif.

Michael Lateef (94; LL.M. 2002) was named partner at Carroll, Burdick & McDonough. Working in the Walnut Creek office, Michael specializes in commercial and business transactions and helps counsel clients through all phases of business development.

Edmund Gee (95) has joined the firm of Kronick, Moskovitz, Tiedemann & Girard as an associate. Edmund represents public and private sector clients in matters involving water law, federal reclamation law, the federal Endangered Species Act, and other administrative and regulatory requirements. He comes to this position after several years as an assistant regional solicitor for the US Department of the Interior and the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

Kenneth J. Carroll (96) is employed at the US Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington, DC, where he handles a variety of legal and policy issues related to the federal Fair Housing Act and serves as a mediator for federal agencies.

Michael Ward (96) was named by Morrision and Foerster as one of only seven new partners in its San Francisco office in 2002. He specializes in intellectual property law. The new class is half the size of the class promoted in January 2002. Michael is a patent lawyer and holds a doctorate in plant physiology as well as his degree from GGU.

Carolyn West (96) joined Horton, Roberts & Hand in Oakland and continues to practice trust and estates law.

Eric G. Young (96) sends news that he "successfully appealed a trial court’s grant of summary judgment against a patron wounded in a 1999 bar shooting in Sonoma County. The trial judge had found that the injured patron could not establish that the shooting was foreseeable to the tavern keeper, and entered summary judgment against the wounded patron. Mr. Young obtained reversal of this finding on appeal, which establishes the duty of care tavern keepers owe their patrons. The First District’s opinion is titled Mata v. Mata, 2003 CDOS 976. Eric’s email is Eyounglaw@hotmail.com."

J. Kevin Allen (97) was appointed interim director of the San Francisco Office of Citizen Complaints (OCC). The OCC was approved by voters in November 1982 to investigate complaints against San Francisco police officers.

Brian Acree (98) and Fred Evenson (98), two clinic alumni, settled two more Proposition 65 (requiring notice before exposure to toxics) cases naming GGU’s Environmental Law and Justice Clinic, among others, as donees for settlement money. (See page 4 for information on how this can be done.) The settlements came in a case over retail sales of leaded crystal decanters and stemware without proper lead exposure warnings and for a case involving exposures to lead from various consumer products containing polyvinyl chloride.

Mauricio Beugelmans (98) has joined Morgan Stanley Law Division’s San Francisco office as a vice president and senior attorney. Mauricio previously served as corporate counsel at Charles Schwab & Co., Inc.

Sabina F. Crocette (98) accepted a position as tax counsel with the State Board of Equalization under Carole Migden. In 2002, she was named Attorney of the Year for her volunteer work as a mentor in the Volunteers in Parole Program. Her email is scrocette@hotmail.com.

Judith A. Whitehouse (98) has been hired by Bullivant Houser Bailey PC, one of the West Coast’s largest, multi-service law firms, for its San Francisco office. Previously of counsel with Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison, Judith concentrates on banking and financial matters and insurance litigation.

"Judith’s experience in this area provides strong reinforcement and depth to the insurance coverage lawyers in our office, while her banking and financial background promises to further extend the breadth of our regional practice,“

During his studies, Duruigbo focused on international law and business. Analyzing multinational oil corporations and how their activities affect nations socially, economically, and environmentally, he asked the question, “What can be done under international law to hold oil corporations accountable for what they do?”

A native of Nigeria, Duruigbo knows firsthand of the damage oil companies can do. “Oil production in Nigeria has destroyed the basic livelihood of many people, especially fishermen,” he explains. “Nigeria has more than 40 years of oil production and has brought in billions of dollars, yet many citizens live in abject poverty. I would like to develop systems to provide an alternative economic base.”

Emeka Duruigbo was admitted to the Nigerian bar in 1993 and, for three years, practiced corporate and commercial law in Lagos, Nigeria, the commercial capital of Nigeria. He then decided to study law at the graduate level. First, he earned an LL.M. in Energy and Environmental Law at the University of Alberta in Canada. Then he began looking for a place to study for a doctorate.

Duruigbo says that selecting GGU wasn’t a difficult choice. He had planned to study in the United States and wanted a program with a strong foundation in international law. He chose Golden Gate for two reasons: “It had a distinguished faculty with some of the best minds in international legal scholarship. Also, I liked the city of San Francisco. This was the birthplace of the United Nations, the birthplace of modern international law.”

Duruigbo enjoyed his doctoral studies at GGU. “I have benefited from the strengths of the scholarship and experience of the professors here,” he says. “They are some of the best in their field, and it has been a pleasure to work with them.”

In 1999, Duruigbo went to Nigeria for doctoral research. He was attacked by thieves who stole everything he had. “I didn’t know what to do, so I called GGU,” he recalls. “People were eager to help. One professor sent emails and worked hard to get new documents to the Embassy. I realized that I can count on the support of people here.”

Now that he has his S.J.D., Duruigbo plans to teach in the United States for a while. He has been hired as an adjunct professor at Golden Gate and, starting in fall 2003, will co-teach International Law relating to the Jessup Moot Court Competition. His longterm goal is to return to Nigeria and land a “top government position related to the petroleum industry.” He says that he would like to help resolve problems related to the petroleum industry through law and policy reform.

Duruigbo received a Ford Foundation grant to start the reform process and will continue with reform efforts as soon as additional funds expected from a number of institutions become available. He believes it is crucial that he begin this process before he starts working for the Nigerian government.
On Monday, February 24, 2003, Eric Ting-Lun Huang successfully presented and defended his International Legal Studies S.J.D. dissertation before a committee composed of Professor Dr. Sompong Sucharitkul (director of the international legal studies program), Professor Dr. Christian Okeke, and Professor Dr. Van Walt Van Praag.

A native of Ping-Tung, Taiwan, Huang’s topic, “The Status of Taiwan Under International Law and in a Changing World,” held special meaning for Huang. “The future of Taiwan is a hot topic that has been discussed for many decades,” he explains.

Huang came to Golden Gate University about five years ago to earn an LL.M. in international legal studies. “I came to Golden Gate because I knew San Francisco was a nice internationalized city to stay and study,” he says. Once here, he found himself impressed by the faculty and the coursework. He praises Professor Sompong Sucharitkul for outstanding teaching. “He taught me a lot,” Huang says. “I feel truly enlightened by his compassion and tolerance.” Huang also credits Professors Okeke and Chris Pagano for encouraging him to stay at Golden Gate to earn his S.J.D.

Huang praises Golden Gate as a place where every student can “truly be himself or herself.” He appreciated the constant help and encouragement he received from the faculty while working on his doctorate. “I enriched myself a lot at Golden Gate,” he says, “not just academically, but also spiritually.”

Huang says he recommends the Golden Gate program to his friends and to others interested in international law. He is also very happy to have attained his goal. “I’m very proud,” he says. “It’s a great day for me after years of study, and I want to dedicate this achievement in memory of my dear mother, Mrs. Huang-Gong Liang, who was very supportive of me. I just lost her last year.”

Huang summed up his experiences at Golden Gate, saying, “I found writing to be the most challenging part of my studies. In order to present a satisfactory dissertation, I needed to make my writing not just understandable and smooth, but also persuasive and academic. Actually, it was a big achievement for me.”

Huang plans to return to Ping-Tung both to teach law and to “finish what I started.” Before coming to the United States, Huang volunteered at a nonprofit foundation concerned with environmental protection. “The issues are still there,” he says, “and I would like to go back to finish the work.”

Lorri Ungaretti is the director of marketing and events at Golden Gate University School of Law.

“On behalf of Golden Gate University School of Law and its Center for Advanced International Legal Studies, I am honored and proud to authenticate the awarding of the S.J.D. degree to Emeka Duruiqbo and Ting-Lun Huang. Emeka and Ting-lun join the eminent society of legal scholars who have reached the pinnacle of legal education—the Scientiae Juridicae Doctor. It is rewarding for all of us to witness the growth, maturity, and achievement of this first pair of Golden Gate S.J.D.s as we work to ensure the emergence of a durable and viable international legal education.”

—Professor Dr. Sompong Sucharitkul, Director of the S.J.D. and LL.M. International Program.
said Jess B. Millikan, shareholder-in-charge of Bullivant’s San Francisco office. “As our Bay Area-based services continue to diversify and as we work increasingly in the Nevada market via our new Las Vegas office, Judith’s addition marks another strategic step in Bullivant Houser Bailey’s western growth.” Judith has substantial experience in insurance coverage, extra contractual and “bad faith” litigation. Her practice also encompasses banking and financial services, emphasizing bank regulatory matters and municipal bond trust matters. In addition to her time with Brobeck, she was previously an associate at Long & Levit LLP.

Mary Hoppe (99) was featured in The Recorder article titled, “Mary Hoppe: A Voice for the Homeless,” part of a series on unsung pro bono heroes. Mary works in the Homeless Action Center in Berkeley. Here is a brief excerpt of the article: “For Hoppe, 61, retirement was merely an excuse for a career change. Instead of working on her golf swing, Hoppe spent her newfound time earning her law degree. Now she practices law—exclusively pro bono—in the East Bay. After spending about 30 years importing antique furniture from Europe, Hoppe now splits her time working with the homeless and mentally ill at the Homeless Action Center and with children at the Contra Costa Bar Association’s Guardianship Clinic.” For a copy of this inspiring article, please contact the Alumni Office with your email, fax, or mailing address.

Dennis M. Sandoval (LL.M. Tax 99) was featured in an ad published in numerous legal newspapers recently by the State Bar to promote its program for becoming a State Bar Certified Specialist. The ad highlighted Dennis’s certification in tax law and estate planning, trust and probate law. His practice specializes in estate planning and elder law, and he serves as the director of education for the American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys.

Victoria L. Figueroa (00) sent us this Class Note: “I wanted to let you know that I have opened up my own law practice. I am an immigration attorney, mainly doing family-based immigration, defense of criminal aliens, and deportation defense. My new office is located at 8 California Street, 5th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94111. (415) 835-6000.”

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Matthias Berger (LL.M. US Legal Studies 02) had this update on his whereabouts and plans: “I will be in the transactional business, mainly with clients from the technology and biotech industry. So there will be a substantial amount of intellectual property law, my field of specialization. Another good thing—80% of the contracts are in English, and since Morgan Lewis is an American law firm, there are American cases as well. Sounds like a good start, doesn’t it? Anyway, I am still thinking about returning to the States at the end of 2003. It’s really funny, but I miss the States so much since I am back in Germany. While living in San Fran it was the other way around sometimes.” Beginning December 1, 2002, he began work as a staff associate with Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP in Frankfurt, Germany.

Heddy Bower (02), responding to our “good luck on the bar” email, replied, “Thanks for the encouraging email. The NY bar results were posted at midnight Thursday and, despite my disbelief, I passed. It’s amazing how much brighter the world looks today.” Congrats, Heddy, and best of luck in New York.

Robert W. Byrne (LL.M. Environmental Law 02) writes, “On Halloween, I began my new position as deputy attorney general with the California Department of Justice here in SF. I love the job and the people are nice. Give my regards to all those at GGU.”

Alison Caldwell (02) shares the good news that she passed the Texas bar this summer. Congratulations, and good luck on your new career.

Gretchen Denk (02) is now the civil justice fellow at Washington DC’s non-profit Public Citizen’s Congress Watch and can be reached at gdenk@citizen.org. She writes, “The weather here is a bit cold, but I am enjoying getting to know a new city. And, I really like my job, so all is well. Hope all is well at GGU. I miss you guys.” Gretchen also passed the California bar.

Michael Lateef (LL.M. 02) was elevated to partner by Carroll, Burdick & McDonough. He works in the firm’s commercial and business transactions group.

Peter Milne (02) passed the July 2002 Texas bar, sat for the February California bar, and has started the LL.M. Tax program here at GGU. He still has the amazing house in Mexico for rent at special GGU rates! You can reach him at fightingwords-2000@yahoo.com.

Colleen Mulgrew (02) was hired as a new associate by Lynch, Gilardi & Grummer to work in the medical malpractice and product liability groups. She brings to this practice 15 years of experience as a registered nurse specializing in critical care.

Patrick J. Reis (02): We received this news via our exchange program with Nanterre: “The Center for Advanced International Legal Studies is happy to report that Patrick J. Reis, an LL.M. International Legal Studies student currently studying at the University of Paris X-Nanterre, has recently earned his Diplôme d’Etudes Juridiques Européens et Internationales (DEJEI) with distinction.” The DEJEI is a Diploma of European and International Legal Studies. Congratulations, Patrick!

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**Class Notes Deadlines: March 15, September 15**

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Let Us Hear From You!

We’d like to know if you have made a career move, changed your address, added to your family, or received an award. Photos welcomed and appreciated.

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Women Judges At Golden Gate

On Friday, April 18, six California judges came to the Law School to discuss their work as judges. The panel was organized by the Women’s Law Association, a GGU law student group, and moderated by Dean Peter Keane. Left to right: Judge Julie Tang, SF Superior Court; Judge Susan Illston, US District Court; Judge Anne Boulware (80), SF Superior Court; Judge Maria-Elena James (adjunct professor), US District Court Magistrate; Justice Kathryn Werdegar, California Supreme Court; Judge Susan Breall, SF Superior Court.

GOING TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE BAR MEETING?

Please join Dean Peter Keane and other faculty and alumni members at this year’s State Bar of California Annual Meeting, September 4–7, 2003, in Anaheim. The date for our annual Alumni Breakfast hasn’t been chosen yet, but invitations will go out in August. This event is free and open to all alumni and their guests. For more information, contact Kevi Brannelly in August at (415) 442-6602 or kbrannelly@ggu.edu, or visit the “News & Events” page on our website at: www.ggu.edu/law.

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June (date tba)
Swearing-In Ceremony

July 19
GGU Alumni Day at Pac Bell Park

October 4
Environmental Law Symposium

October (date tba)
Mayoral Candidates’ Debate

November 7
Third Annual IP Law Conference